# Exhibit 4 to Shah Declaration

From: Shah, Nirav

To: Neal Brickman; Ethan Leonard
Cc: Cardenas, Virginia; Nadkarni, Sid

**Subject:** Andriesz v. BGC

**Date:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 11:30:28 AM

Attachments: 22-02539 Award.pdf

Neal and Ethan, congratulations on the award. At your earliest convenience, can you please provide instructions as to payment? Thanks.

#### Nirav S. Shah (he/him)

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# Award FINRA Dispute Resolution Services

In the Matter of the Arbitration Between:

Claimant Case Number: 22-02539

Simon David Andriesz

VS.

Respondents
BGC Financial, L.P.
Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.
Jean Pierre Aubin
Paul Marc Pion
William Michael Shields
Michael Carl Sulfaro
Mark Webster
Shawn Damien McLoughlin

Hearing Site: New York, New York

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Nature of the Dispute: Associated Person vs. Members and Associated Persons

The evidentiary hearings in this arbitration were held in-person, except for the hearings on February 8 and 9, 2024, which were held virtually.

#### REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES

For Claimant Simon David Andriesz: Neal Brickman, Esq., and Ethan Leonard, Esq., The Law Offices of Neal Brickman, P.C., New York, New York.

For Respondents BGC Financial, L.P., Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., Jean Pierre Aubin, Paul Marc Pion, William Michael Shields, Michael Carl Sulfaro, and Mark Webster ("collectively Respondents"): Nirav S. Shah, Esq., Virginia J. Cardenas, Esq., and Sid Nadkarni, Esq., Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., New York, New York.

Respondent Shawn Damien McLoughlin appeared pro se.

#### CASE INFORMATION

Renewed Statement of Claim filed on or about: November 8, 2022. Simon David Andriesz signed the Submission Agreement: November 15, 2022.

Statement of Answer filed by Respondents on or about: January 6, 2023.

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BGC Financial, L.P. signed the Submission Agreement: January 6, 2023. Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. signed the Submission Agreement: January 6, 2023. Jean Pierre Aubin signed the Submission Agreement: January 6, 2023. Paul Marc Pion signed the Submission Agreement: January 6, 2023. William Michael Shields signed the Submission Agreement: January 6, 2023. Michael Carl Sulfaro signed the Submission Agreement: January 6, 2023. Mark Webster signed the Submission Agreement: January 6, 2023.

Shawn Damien McLoughlin signed the Submission Agreement: January 6, 2023.

#### **CASE SUMMARY**

In the Renewed Statement of Claim, Claimant asserted the following causes of action: violations of the Dodd-Frank Whistleblower Statute; 10b-5 securities fraud; common law fraud; breach of employment and other contracts; fraud in the inducement; breach of fiduciary duty; breach of implied covenant of good faith & fair dealing; conversion; unjust enrichment; accounting; RICO 18 U.S.C. Section 1962(c) & (d); defamation; tortious interference with prospective and actual business relationships; failure to supervise; conflicts of interest in violation of FINRA Rules; intentional infliction of emotional distress; prima facie tort; civil conspiracy; and violations of New York Labor Law.

Unless specifically admitted in the Statement of Answer, Respondents denied the allegations made in the Renewed Statement of Claim and asserted various affirmative defenses.

#### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

In the Renewed Statement of Claim, Claimant requested compensatory damages in a sum not less than \$17,000,000; recission of Claimant's BGC stock purchase transactions in the Newton Plan; recission of monies Claimant was made to donate to BGC's Charity Day Event; return of monies taken from Claimant in relation to the sale of eSpeed; back pay equaling two (2) times Claimant's annual compensation under Dodd-Frank; reinstatement under Dodd-Frank or equivalent monetary value; punitive damages; pre-judgment interest at the legal rate, plus attorneys' fees and costs and disbursements incurred; and such other and further relief deemed just and equitable.

In the Statement of Answer, Respondents requested: dismissal of Claimant's Renewed Statement of Claim and denial of all claims in their entirety; an award of sanctions to Respondents under Industry Code Rule 13212; and such other and further relief as is deemed just and proper.

# OTHER ISSUES CONSIDERED AND DECIDED

The Arbitrators acknowledge that they have each read the pleadings and other materials filed by the parties.

On January 19, 2024, Claimant filed a notice of voluntary dismissal of claims against Respondent Shawn Damien. McLoughlin. Therefore, the Panel made no determination with respect to any of the relief requests contained in the Renewed Statement of Claim against Shawn Damien. McLoughlin.

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On January 19, 2024, Claimant withdrew the following causes of action: accounting; failure to supervise; conflicts of interest in violation of FINRA Rules; and prima facie tort.

On January 30, 2024, Claimant filed a notice of voluntary dismissal of claims against Respondent Michael Carl Sulfaro. Therefore, the Panel made no determination with respect to any of the relief requests contained in the Renewed Statement of Claim against Michael Carl Sulfaro.

#### <u>AWARD</u>

After considering the pleadings, the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing, and any post-hearing submissions, the Panel has decided in full and final resolution of the issues submitted for determination as follows:

- 1. Respondent BGC Financial, L.P., is solely liable for and shall pay to Claimant the sum of \$500,000.00 in compensatory damages.
- 2. All other claims against remaining Respondents Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., Jean Pierre Aubin, Mark Webster, Paul Marc Pion, and William Michael Shields, are dismissed in their entirety.
- 3. Any and all claims for relief not specifically addressed herein, including any requests for prejudgment, post-judgment or statutory interest, statutory and/or punitive damages, and attorneys' fees, are denied.

#### **FEES**

Pursuant to the Code of Arbitration Procedure ("Code"), the following fees are assessed:

#### Filing Fees

FINRA Dispute Resolution Services assessed a filing fee\* for each claim:

Initial Claim Filing Fee

=\$ 2,300.00

#### Member Fees

Member fees are assessed to each member firm that is a party in these proceedings or to the member firms that employed the associated persons at the time of the events giving rise to the dispute. Accordingly, as parties, Respondents BGC Financial, L.P. and Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., are each assessed the following:

Member Surcharge =\$ 4,325.00 Member Process Fee =\$ 7,300.00

### Postponement Fees

Postponements granted during these proceedings for which fees were waived by the Panel:

January 22-23, 2024, postponement requested by Respondents. May 8, 2024, postponement requested by the parties.

Waived

Waived

<sup>\*</sup>The filing fee is made up of a non-refundable and a refundable portion.

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## **Hearing Session Fees and Assessments**

The Panel has assessed hearing session fees for each session conducted. A session is any meeting between the parties and the Arbitrators, including a pre-hearing conference with the Arbitrators, which lasts four (4) hours or less. Fees associated with these proceedings are:

Two (2) pre-hearing session Pre-Hearing Conferences:	ons with the Panel @ \$1,57 : March 31, 2023 January 3, 2024	'5.00/session 1 session 1 session	=\$	3,150.00
Twenty-Three (23) hearing Hearings:	g sessions @ \$1,575.00/se January 9, 2024 January 10, 2024 January 11, 2024 January 12, 2024 January 16, 2024		=\$	36,225.00
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Total Hearing Session Fees

=\$ 39,375.00

The Panel has assessed the total hearing session fees to Respondent BCG Financial L.P.

All balances are payable to FINRA Dispute Resolution Services and are due upon receipt.

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# **ARBITRATION PANEL**

Robert J. Kheel - Public Arbitrator, Presiding Chairperson Dakota Shawn Harbison - Public Arbitrator

Geoffrey M. Elkind - Non-Public Arbitrator

I, the undersigned Arbitrator, do hereby affirm, pursuant to Article 7507 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules, that I am the individual described herein and who executed this instrument, which is my award.

#### **Concurring Arbitrators' Signatures**

Robert J. Kheel	06/17/2024	
Robert J. Kheel Public Arbitrator, Presiding Chairperson	Signature Date	
Dakota Shawn Harbison	06/17/2024	
Dakota Shawn Harbison Public Arbitrator	Signature Date	
Geoffrey M. Elkind	06/17/2024	
Geoffrey M. Elkind Non-Public Arbitrator	Signature Date	

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June 17, 2024

Date of Service (For FINRA Dispute Resolution Services use only)